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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicant hereby attaches U.S. Patent Office Form PTOL-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein together with the English language abstract. These references were cited in a Taiwanese Rejection Decision dated December 3, 2001 of the corresponding Japanese patent application. Enclosed is the Taiwanese Rejection Decision, together with an English translation of the relevant portions thereof. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

This information disclosure statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(a). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitutes prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56 (a) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

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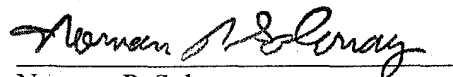
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knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that these references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner, or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of the country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the Taiwanese Rejection Decision, as certified in the attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,



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